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In re Patent Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2651

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For: MANAGEMENT METHOD FOR REPRODUCTION ERROR AND A DISK
DRIVE MAKING USE OF THE MANAGEMENT METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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March 3, 2004

Sir:

Before further examination on the merits, Applicants
respond to the Final Rejection mailed October 3, 2003, as
follows. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal accompanies this response as well as a petition
and fee for a two-month extension of time.